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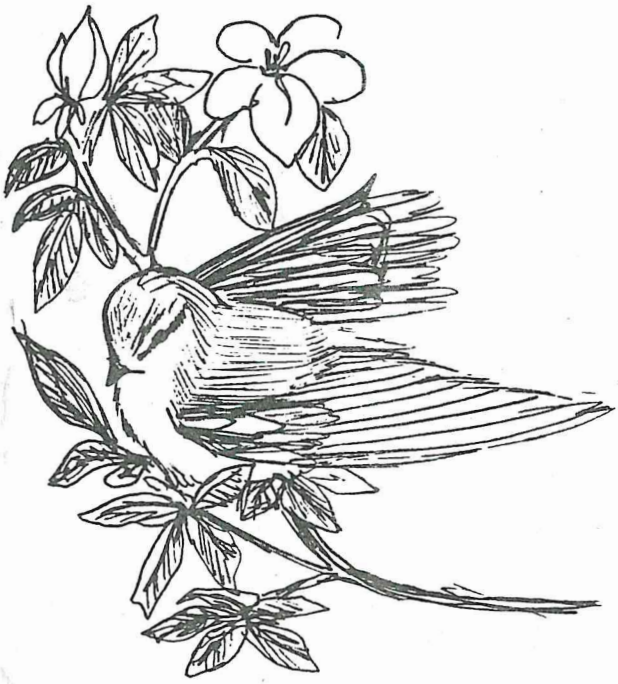

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ARTS & SCIENCES MEETING/WORKSHOP

There will be an Arts & Sciences Meeting/Workshop on WEDNESDAY, May 18, A. S. XXIII, at 7 PM at 622 Whedbee. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The subject for this month's meeting will be ???????.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY:

4 - ***SHIRE MEETING***, 7 PM, Room 208, Student Center
7 - Chivalry Tournament (Halogaland Manor)* Master Odan (303) 622-4343
7 - May Revel (Great River) Judith (505) 526-5940
14 - Crown Celebration (Unser Hafen)* Ismenia (303) 221-0850
18 - ***GUILD MEETING***, 7 PM, 622 Whedbee
22 - Unofficial Fighter Practice Plus (Halogaland Manor)* Master Odan (303) 622-4343
28 - Grand Outlandish ...

PLEASE NOTE!!

Due to Fort Collins Fire Regulations,

NO OPEN FLAMES

will be allowed in the Lincoln Center.

Please use votive candle holders,
citronella lamps,
chimneys over candles,
etc.

Merchants must also collect
the city sales tax of
2 3/4%
on all items sold.

Any questions concerning these items
should be directed to the Autocrats.

... out-of-Kingdom events. The deadline for artwork or articles is the 16th of the previous month.

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CHIVALRY TOURNAMENT

Master Odan der Halogaland and Lady Alianna aerch Gryffydd do welcome all to the Chivalry Tournement on May 7 and 8.

The location is approximately 30 miles east of Caerthe, off I-70, Exit #310 (see map).

This will be a camping event but there is no shade. Please bring your own. The site is discretely wet. (It is on private land but a mundane official lives across the road.) Within a few miles there are a small grocery store which is not open on Sunday, a convenience-type store, gas stations, and a small motel. Within a 15 mile radius, there are a few other motels, eateries, and grocery stores.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an extremely small town and has not been exposed to the SCA except for one demo at the high school. We are trying to start a group here. Although we all enjoy "freaking mundanes", please keep it to a minimum if possible. We appreciate any help in letting these people know the positive aspects of the SCA.

SCHEDULE (All times are Odan standard time - depending on how Odan is moving and if Alianna has had her coffee):

9:00: Opening announcements
9:05: Armor inspection
10:00: Chivalry List (2 hour limit) to be fought for the Ladies' Gallery
12:00: Rattan and Shinai Jousting List
12:00: Fencing Handkerchief List
1:00: Lunch Competition sponsored by the Caerthen Cooks Guild
3:00: Progressive Melee
7:00: Feast
9:00: Bardic Circle

During the day, there will be a backgammon and/or chess tournement. Also there wil be various other games such as croquet etc. for those not fighting, dwarves and other children.

DETAILS:

LADIES' GALLERY: All chivalry lists will be fought for the ladies' gallery. The gallery will be the sole judges for these lists, and will choose the winners by their chivalry on the field and to the gallery. It is permitted to bribe the gallery (as long as it is chivalrously done). To be part of this select and pampered group, all a lady must do is to donate some needed refreshment for the fighters - gatorade, lemonade, cold water, sliced fruit, etc. This will be available to all the fighters so that they will be more able to entertain, flatter, and cajole this select group. Also there will be special treats for these ladies.

CHIVALRY LIST (for rattan, shinai and fencing): Only chivalry will count in this list. It does not matter if you win or lose, or how many times you fight. You may fight as many or as few challenges as you wish. All challenges will be fought to first blood. A fighter may not challenge anyone lower in rank than himself. For example, a new fighter can challenge anyone; a duke could only challenge another duke. This will be fought for the ladies' gallery. Bribes to the ladies will be accepted (encouraged?) as long as they are chivalrous. Be creative. Dying gallantly or gaudily has been known to help too.

RATTAN & SHINAI JOUSTING LIST: This will be fought as if on horseback. Each fight will be to dismount. Each combatant will have 3 passes. Please remember to be careful not to damage the horse. Finer details will be explained at the event.

FENCING HANDKERCHIEF LIST: A handkerchief will be placed on the ground on the opposite side of the field. The first fighter to pick up the hankie and return it to the ladies' gallery wins.

FEAST: A feast will be served Saturday. There will be feast tickets available at the event - if you can talk the cook into it. The feast will be as follows:

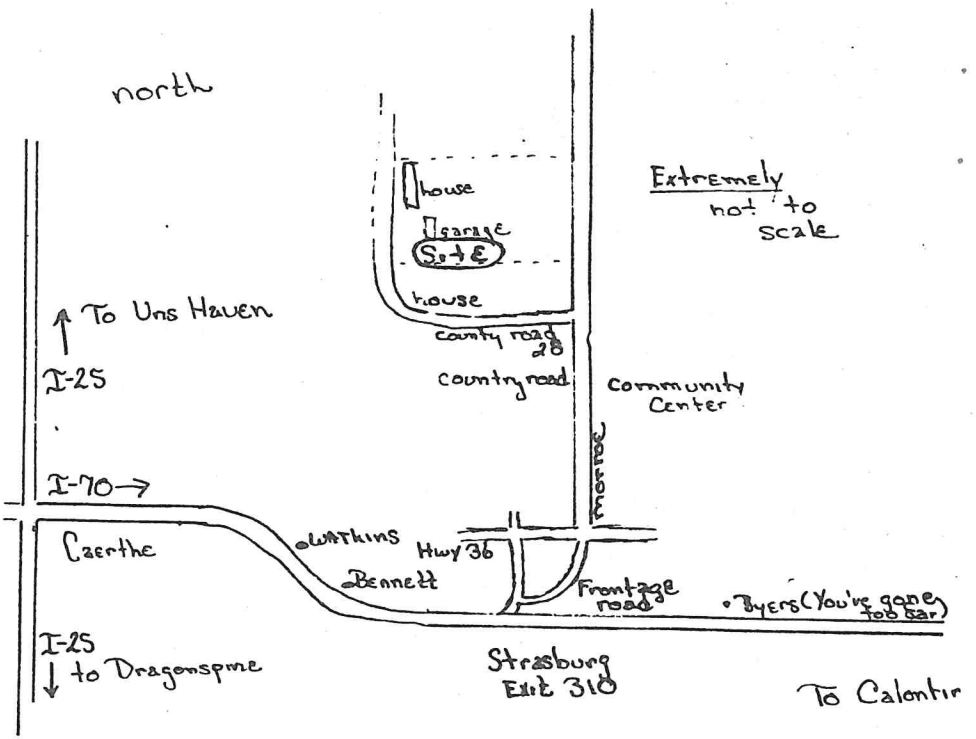
Various Breads & Cheeses	French Onion Soup
Smoked Beasties & Fowl	Grilled Dragon Bones (spareribs)
Sundry Side Dishes	Spiced Fruit
Trifles	

BARDIC: This is only for fun. Old war stories and SCA filk songs are encouraged. The older the war stories, the better. Remember you aren't there to tell them, someone will tell one or more about you.

SITE FEE: $2.00 per person

FEAST FEE: $6.00 for adults, $3.00 for children under 12.

For further information: Master Odan or Lady Alianna (303) 622-4343.



CROWN CELEBRATION

Greetings from the Shire of Unser Hafen. It is our pleasure to have received Their Majesties leave to host a Crown Celebration.

The Celebration will be held on May 14th and 15th, at the Lincoln Center, 417 Magnolia St., Fort Collins, CO. THIS IS A DRY SITE!!! In addition to the Celebration festivities the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition will be held as well as two Prize Lists. The first list will be held Saturday and is the Queen's Champion Tourney. On Sunday the Rapier Tourney will be held.

Directions: Take I-25 North to Exit 269B which is the Highway 14 Exit, and the third Ft. Collins exit if you are going north. Go west (towards the mountains) and follow Highway 14 which becomes Mulberry St. Continue west on Mulberry St. until you come to Meldrum St. and turn right. The parking available along Meldrum and Magnolia is the closest to the rooms in which we are holding the event. The site is approximately 3.5 miles from I-25, and there is a sign for the Lincoln Center.

Their Majesties have requested that we advise the populace that all events will begin promptly at the time listed.

Saturday, May 14th

9:00 - 10-00: Registration for Kingdom Arts & Sciences
11:00 - 12:00: Opening Court of Their Majesties Christopher and Cymber
approx. 12:00: Armour Inspection begins immediately after Court
1:00: Judging of the Kingdom Arts and Sciences Competition begins. Prize list begins, and Feast Hall opens for set-up.
4:30: Closing Court of Their Majesties Christopher and Cymber.
6:30: Feast and Entertainment
9:00: Revelling and Dancing
12:00: Site Closes

Sunday, May 15th

8:00 - 11:00: Brunch served
12:00: Rapier Tourney
3:00: Closing Court
5:00: Site Closes.

Site and Feast fees: Adult fees: $12.00 (includes site fee for the weekend, the feast and breakfast). Childrens fees: Site fee for children under 12 free. Feast fee, under 5 free, 5 - 12 for $3.00. Other fees: Site fee only - $5.00 for the weekend, $3.00 per day.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL ACCEPT RESERVATIONS ONLY IF THEY INCLUDE PAYMENT IN FULL. Please make checks payable to: Shire of Unser Haven and mail to Eileen Clark, 1500 West Prospect Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526. We will NOT accept any reservation that is received after May 2, 1988, except by specific permission of the feast autocrat, and there will not be reservations available at the door.

The feast will consist of the following:

ON THE TABLE: Fresh vegetables, Cheese and Breads

FIRST COURSE (Middle Eastern): Cucumber and Yoghurt Soup, Honey Spiced Chicken on bed of Rice, Stuffed Dates and Apricot Crescents

SECOND COURSE (Italian): Minestrone, Fish Filet on a bed of Spinach, Buttered Pasta and Biscotti

THIRD COURSE (French): Beef Burgundy, Buttered Green Beans, and French Bread

DESSERT: Le Croquembouche

Crash space is very limited and on a first come-first served basis. There are motels nearby, and a list will be sent to you on request. This is the weekend of the local college graduation, so be sure to get your crash space and motel reservations in early.

Please bring your banners to decorate the hall. We will provide you with the means with which to hang them.

WE NEED ENTERTAINERS!! Please contact Lady Ismenia at (303) 221-0850 and ask about our entertainers discount. All entertainers must be scheduled in advance.

WE NEED SERVERS, KITCHEN AND CLEAN UP HELP!! Please contact Lady Tehri at (303) 482-6608 and ask about a discount.

AUTOCRATS:

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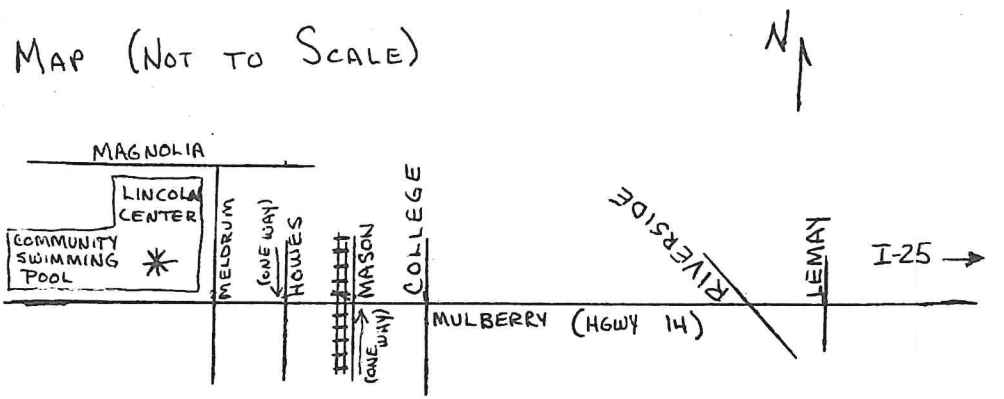
MAP (NOT TO SCALE)



P.S. Bring the swimsuits for yourselves or your kids. There is a community swimming pool next door to the Lincoln Center.

GREAT MOMENTS in the history of manuscript illumination. Brother Eadwald devises the centrum-folio.

PEOPLE'S FAIR

Come one, come all!! Once again, the SCA will be at the Capitol Hill People's Fair, held this year on Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th. This year we are in charge of the Renaissance area and wish to make a most impressive display of what the Society is and what our talents are.

There will be a rattan prize tourney, dancing demos, and musical entertainment. Society members who have handmade items they wish to display and/or sell through the SCA booth must contact Mistress Ursula or Mistress Morrigan IN ADVANCE.

To prepare for the dancing demos, there will be biweekly dance practices on Fridays followed by a potluck supper commencing in late April. Contact Baroness Katherine for details.

Help is needed for site set-up, security, manning the demo booth and clean up. In addition, to provide higher visibility for the SCA, we have offered to help in the Fair's information booth and pop sales booth. Volunteers for any of these activities should contact Mistress Ursula.

Plans are also under way to prepare banners and signs for the Renaissance area. Anyone with ideas or time to contribute, should contact Mistress Morrigan.

Further details later. Yours enthusiastically,

Mistress Ursula d'Arcy
(303) 850-7364

Mistress Morrigan di Winter
(303) 443-8853

FIGHTER PRACTICE PLUS

GREETINGS.

We, Master Odan and Lady Alianna, will be hosting an unofficial fighter practice, armoring help, etc., at our place on the following Sundays at 2:00 PM: May 22, June 12, June 19, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. (Dates in July are subject to change.)

If you wish to practice rattan, fencing or shinai, work on armor, costuming, needlework, or just have fun, come join us. If you are a newcomer and wish to meet a few people on an informal basis, you are more than welcome. The only request we have is to have fun. We realize we are a distance from Caerthe but hope to see many of you in spite of that.

For more information, call 1-622-4343.

OASIS TOURNEY II

It is late in June. During the longest days of the year, the merciless sun pours down on the weary caravans of travellers as they wend their way across the sere and windy plains of the Northern Outlands. But the terrible journey is justified by the pleasures that await these travellers as the Oasis.

Join us for our second annual Oasis Tourney. We will again have workshops, an inn offering Saturday lunch, an evening tourney, a late evening Middle Eastern feast, Sunday breakfast, and, of course, drumming and dancing most of the time. Merchants are welcome!

When? The dates are Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. The site is available for set-up Friday night, but you must pay the Forest Service to camp there as a private citizen.

Where? We are at the same site as last year, the Crow Valley Recreation Area in the Pawnee National Grasslands, in Briggsdale, Colorado.

How much? Site fee: $5.00 for members, $6.00 for non-members. Feast fees: $5.00 postmarked by June 1, $7.00 by June 15, $10.00 thereafter. Breakfast fee: $2.00, $3.00, $4.00. Children under 13, half price. The early registration fees have not changed from last year.

WARNINGS: 1. Mosquitoes love an oasis too. Bring your own repellent, protective clothing, etc. 2. Be forewarned that this is out in the boonies, folks. There are NO nearby eateries. If you do not want to eat the feast/breakfast, then bring your own food. Hungry children may have supper early. We have openings for Munchkins. Three people may eat the feast free in exchange for cleaning up afterwards. One free feast to expert barbeque'r to grill the lamb steaks. Also two breakfasts free to the two people who clean up after breakfast. These must be arranged in advance with Mistress Elizabeth.

The site has lots of trees, decent outhouses, and running water. The site also has lots of mosquitoes. Bring heavy-duty repellent, and also bring good sunscreen if you plan to leave the shade. Fires in designated areas only. This is a wet site.

Scheduled events: 1. Three drumming classes with Sylvanus the Drummer; Beginning, Intermediate, and Ensemble playing for drummers playing in a group. 2. Dance class and/or warm ups. 3. Prize list on Saturday for mideastern knife. 4. Melee on Sunday. 5. Costume contest for period garb, Child's, Men's, Women's. (Scrolls to be awarded). 6. Contest for Middle Eastern Campsite. (Scroll to be awarded). 7. Other events as someone volunteers to do them.

Send reservations to Overall and Caer Galen Autocrat: Mistress Elizabeth Freemountain, c/o Elizabeth Robinson, 370 South 43rd Street, Boulder, CO 80303. (303) 499-8807.

Ard Thir Autocrat: Lord Colm Cormaic, c/o Robert Derrick, 765 North 10th Street, Laramie, WY 82070. (307) 742-3943.

Unser Hafen Autocrat: Lady Tehri Hadeel, c/o Terry Foppe, 622 Whedbee, Fort Collins, CO 80524. (303) 482-6608.

Windkeep Autocrat: Maeve the Hither-dweller, c/o Betty Creegan, 4301 Hayes Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 80201. (307) 632-8938.

Fight all day. Party all night. Never grow old and never die. Fight all day. Party all night. Never grow old and never die. Fight all day. Party all night. Never age.....

Fight to control the city of Sanctuary!

Vulgar Unicorn II

Caerthe 4th of July Weekend

All you can eat. All you can drink.

All you can fight. All you can party.

All you can....

Details to follow. Autocrat: Morrigan 303-443-8853

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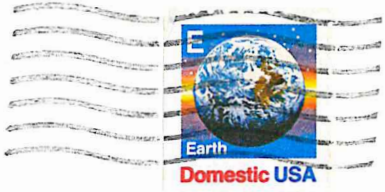

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